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**MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL AND STAFF TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL STAFF
UNITED STATES ARMY
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, OFFICE OF INTELLIGENCE
OFFICE OF STAFF, OPERATIONS, USAF**

SUBJECT: Petroleum Supplement to RIS

1. The RIS Committee has concluded that the legitimate needs of government agencies for basic intelligence on petroleum can not be fully met by Subsection 603 (Petroleum) of RIS Chapter VI (Economic) presently allocated to the Bureau of Mines through the Department of State, and that there should be added to the RIS Program and placed in production with the least practicable delay a Petroleum Supplement to RIS. This would become RIS Supplement No. V.

2. The RIS Committee has reached the following conclusions with regard to the implementation of the production of basic intelligence on petroleum, both for Subsection 603, RIS, and RIS Supplement No. V:

a. The agency should produce both Subsection 603, RIS, and RIS Supplement No. V.

b. The agency best fitted to undertake this task is the Petroleum Committee, Munitions Board, as established and directed by the Secretary of Defense Memorandum for the Chairman, Munitions Board, 3 May 1949, and JCS 1604/17, 15 June 1949. Further, it is understood that the Petroleum Committee would accept the assignment of the production responsibilities in question.

c. The Petroleum Committee, because of its special contacts, should also handle the approach to the Petroleum Industry for obtaining information needed for the production of both Subsection 603, RIS, and RIS Supplement No. V.

d. Support currently being provided the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, for the production of Subsection 603, RIS, should not be withdrawn until such time as the Petroleum Committee shall have begun actual production of this Subsection.

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3. I should appreciate knowing (1) if you endorse the conclusions reached by the NIS Committee, and (2) if you approve of a memorandum similar to the enclosed draft being sent to the Munitions Board.

Attachment - Draft Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Petroleum Intelligence Production for National Intelligence Surveys

1. The Intelligence Agencies of the Federal Government are currently developing a joint basic intelligence program under the coordination of the Central Intelligence Agency. This basic intelligence is being compiled and continuously maintained in National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) to cover foreign countries, areas, or broad special subjects, as appropriate.

2. At present, basic intelligence on petroleum is included in Subsection 620 (Petroleum) of NIS Chapter VI (Geoscience). This subsection is designed to meet the needs of strategic planning and initial highest level operational planning. Careful study, however, has led to the conclusion that the legitimate requirements of government agencies for basic intelligence on petroleum can not be fully met by Subsection 620 and that there should be added to the NIS Program and placed in production with the least practicable delay a Petroleum Supplement to NIS.

3. Paragraph 1 g (6) of EDCIO No. 3, 13 January 1964, provides that departments or agencies of the government to be called on for contributions to the NIS Program may include agencies other than those represented permanently on the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

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4. I should like the Petroleum Committee to give consideration to a proposal to furnish intelligence support in its field to the NIS Program.

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5. [REDACTED] (telephone Executive 6116, Extension 2880), Chairman of the NIS Committee, is designated as my representative to discuss NIS requirements in detail with members of the Petroleum Committee, and will render such assistance as may be needed by the Committee in considering this proposal.